(b) if so, by when all the recommendations of the Commission would be implemented by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) Government of India having considered the recommendations of the second Backward Classes Commission (Mandal Commission) decided to provide reservation in the services of the Union and their public undertakings to the socially and educationally backward classess.

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†2916. SHRI ALI ANWAR ANSARI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) for how long a person is deputed to the post of the Managing Director in the National Backward Classes Finance Corporation.

(b) whether the person working as Managing Director in the Corporation belongs to the backward class; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) The President may appoint any one of the Directors of the Board (other than those who may be members of the State Legislature or Parliament) to be the Managing Director for such period and upon such terms as he may think fit under 58(1) of Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association of NBCFDC;

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Schools for physically handicapped children

2917. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is running schools for physically impaired/ handicapped children such as blind and deaf;

(b) if so, the details thereof; State-wise alongwith their enrolment and dropouts;

(c) the details of amount spent on them;

(d) the details of management structure in such schools;

(e) whether Government is contemplating to hand over the running of these schools to NGOs; and

(f) if so, the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) No, Sir. Government does not run schools for physically impaired/handicapped children However,

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Government has been supporting autonomous bodies and Non-Governmental Organziations for running of such schools.

(b) to (0 Do not arise.

Status of social security system

†2918. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to **state:**

(a) whether it is a fact that social security system is in pitiable condition in our country;

(b) if not, the details of various programmes being run for the help/welfare of old persons/ senior citizens;

(c) whether it is also a fact that social security norms in our country are almost non-existent in comparison to developed countries;

(d) if not, the details of intenational norms in this regard; and

(e) the details of achievement made under various above said programme, State-wise and programme-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) No Sir.

(b) Under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS), Rs 200 per month per beneficiary is provided by way of Central Assistance to a person who is 65 years or older and belonging to a household below the poverty line according to the criteria prescribed by the Government of India.

Further, Government is also implementing An Integrated Programme for Older Persons, under which grants-in-aid are provided to the Non-Governmental Organization for running of old age homes, Daycare Centres and Mobile Medicare Units.

(c) and (d) It is not possible to compare the norms in view of the different socio-economic conditions of the development countries.

(e) The details are given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

State-wise and Programme-wise Achievements of the Programmes during 2007-08:

SI. No.	Name of the State/UT	Grants Released under Integrated Programme for Older Persons (Rs. in Lakhs)	Beneficiaries under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (In no. of persons)
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	458.51	919230
2.	A&N Island	0.00	702
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.00	14500
4.	Assam	79.22	628949

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